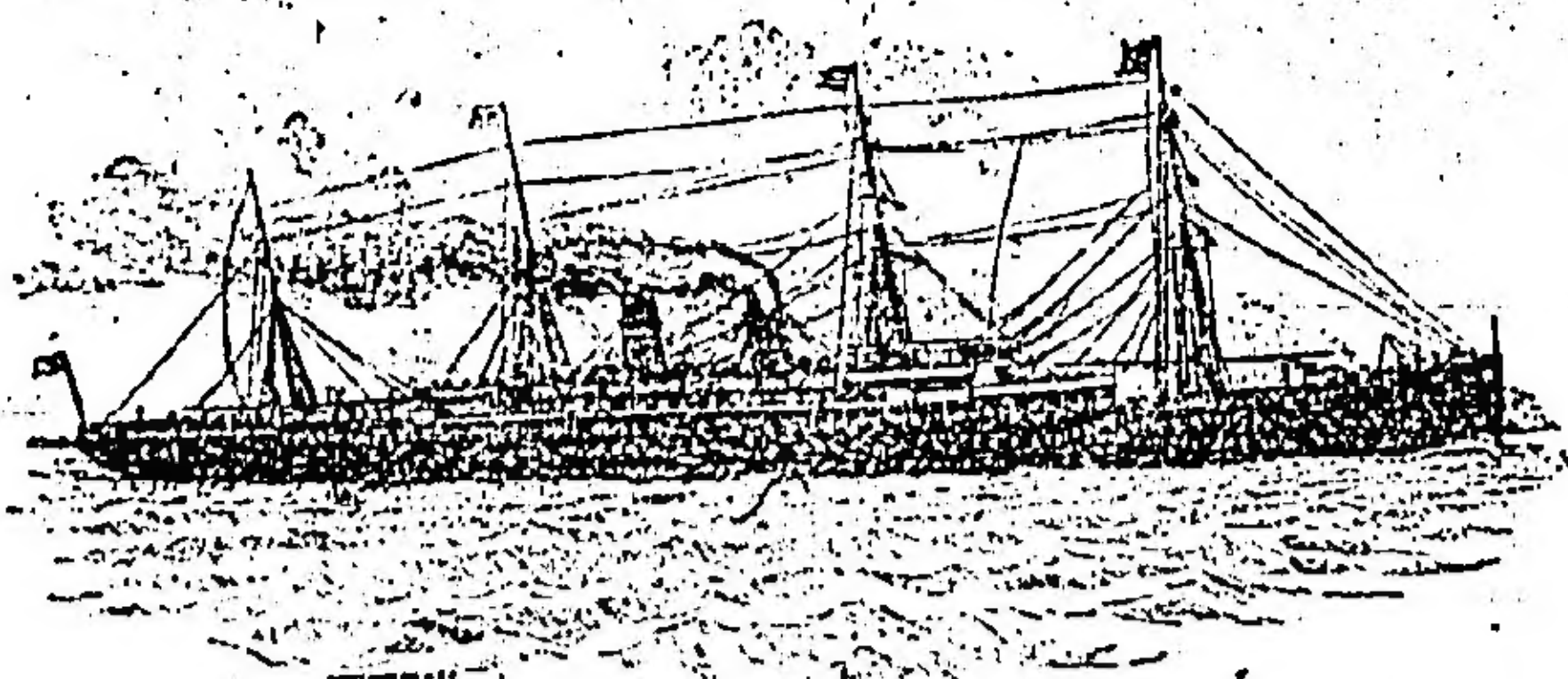


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Ship	Day	Time
"GAELIC"	TUESDAY, 23rd December, at Noon.	
"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.	
"PHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.	
"NIPPON MARU"	FRIDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.	
"SIBERIA"	SATURDAY, 21st January, 1903, at Noon.	
"GOZU"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.	
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.	
"KORSA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.	

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KORSA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

The O. & O. Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada.

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Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked with address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchants' Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPERESS" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

R.M.S.	Ship	Tons	Day	Time
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.		
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.		
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.		
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.		
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.		
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.		
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.		
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.		
"TARTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.		
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.		
"ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.		

THE magnificent "EMPERESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE of its TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

TEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
"ADRIA"	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	28th Dec., at 5 P.M.
"ALEXIA"	GENOA and HAMBURG.	31st Dec.
"NURNBERG"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	13th Jan.
"SILESIA"	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	27th Jan.
"WURZBURG"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	10th Feb.
"C. FERD. LAEISZ"	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	24th Feb.
"FUCHS"	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	1903.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902.

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,
TO-MORROW,
(TUESDAY), the 23rd December, 1902,
at 2 P.M.,
at their
SALES ROOMS, 8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Corner of Ice House Street,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
JAPANESE CURIOS.

Comprising—
SATSUMA CLOISONNE VASES
and WALL PLATES, IVORY CARVINGS,
IVORY INLAND LAQUERED PANELS
and SCREENS, OLD BRONZES, TEA
SETS, JARDINIERS, &c., &c.
TERMS:—As Usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1391d]

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1902, at 12 N. O., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1879, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheelley be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1397d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st January, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Dec., 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon, to elect Auditors, and to transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,
J. W. KEW,
Manager.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$6.40 to \$6.45, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WORKS:—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables).
TOWN DEPOT:—2, Beaconsfield Arcade (Alleyway).

ALL work is done under European supervision, and the objectionable practices, common to Chinese laundries, of damping from the mouth and sleeping on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms quoted for Gentlemen. Special terms to families on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1368d]

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1399d]

Intimations.

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WANTED COMPRADORE for a business with large possibilities. Security to amount of Ten to Fifteen Thousand Dollars required, in Cash or Land Deeds. Address only in writing, giving full particulars of amount and character of security as well as business experience. Applications will be entertained only from those submitting same in proper form, giving full particulars as above noted.

"MYSTIC,"
Ch. The Hongkong Telegraph.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1376d]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1367d]

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Fodder, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle from 11 1/2 CENTS next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.,
S. A. SETHI,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY,
G. W. GEGG,
Manager.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1385d]

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NONOBIKI MINERAL WATER CO.,
KOBE, JAPAN.

AND IMPORTED BY

RITCHIE & Co.,
39, Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1367d]

THOMAS' HOTEL.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

THIS HOTEL, having changed hands, has been re-fitted after the style of a First-Class Foreign Hotel, with rooms en suite and single furnished with every regard to perfect comfort and convenience. The Hotel is in very close proximity to the principal Banks and Merchants' Offices.

MODERATE TARIFF.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

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Per S.S. "EASTERN"

FRESH AUSTRALIAN BUTTER in prints 97 cents per pound.

Fresh Australian Cheese.

Fresh Australian Sausages.

No. 5, D'AGUIAR STREET, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 11th December, 1902. [807d]

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PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. Net (16.0) per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. Net (13.75) per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [19]

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LI KWONG LOONG, 李廣隆

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1400d]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

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12th October, 1898. [21]

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Next Door Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1901. [1356c]

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A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER

guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

Price \$10 per case of 48 bottles (quarts).

Special Prices for Quantities.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1902. [1595d]

WAI YUNG,

PHOTOGRAPHER.

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VIEWERS ALWAYS ON HAND.

TERMS MODERATE.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1393d]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

MEXICO AND SILVER.

THE FUTURE OF THE WHITE METAL.

At the seventy-fifth ordinary general meeting of the Mexican Railway Company, Ltd., held yesterday at River Plate House, E.C., under the presidency of Mr. Marlborough R. Pryor, the Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said that when he last addressed the shareholders he explained how the unfortunate action of the Powers in demanding an extortionate, as he thought he might say, indemnity from China, and demanding it in gold, thereby making it more difficult for China to find the money, had caused such a drop in silver as had never before been contemplated. Not very much had happened with regard to China since the shareholders last met. He had no doubt many of them had carefully watched all the answers given in Parliament to questions about that indemnity, and had read the other scraps of information available on the subject. Some of those answers seemed to him to show that, at any rate, in the action taken by our Government, they were not "sinning against the light." No light was there. Anyhow the whole thing only suggested the old woman who killed the goose that laid the golden eggs. It was perfectly disgusting. It would have been seen that America, at the request of China, had invited the Powers to submit the exchange question to the Hague Arbitration Tribunal, and it had been stated in that morning's papers that Germany consented, subject to the reference being limited to the question of exchange. What the result of that reference might be it was not for him to say, but the reference itself would seem to afford a "locus penitentie" for the powers, and it might be possible that they would see how very foolish their action had been. Fortunately, there was one difference between the gose and China. China many times in the last 3,000 or 4,000 years had undergone crises as acute or even more severe, and her unlimited resources and unlimited population had continued slowly to grow up and had enabled her to recover from almost any disaster. She would no doubt recover again, and thought her limitless appetite for silver would revive and probably be greater than ever as she developed; but whether we shall live to see it was another matter, depending very much upon what the Powers did. There was one comfort in the case of the Transvaal—namely, that our Government had not fallen into this error. That most unvalued layer of golden eggs was undoubtedly going to be a source of health if kind and considerate treatment would restore her, and he thought her lying capacity might hope to become greater than ever.

With regard to other outside influences on silver, it was said that the Government of the Straits Settlement was about to follow the suit of India and take steps to steady the exchange there. That, of course for the time, would tend to depreciate silver, but he did not know that they ought to be much afraid of that. It would not do much harm in the long run. What affected the company more intimately was the question of what Mexico itself would do, and with regard to that, he would refer to what the President said in his Message to Congress two years ago. The President said the arduous problem for them was the future of silver, and as a definite solution could not yet be conjectured, the executive was preserving an expectant attitude. In any case, it should be remembered that with silver nearly half their obligations abroad were transacted, and it would be absurd for the Re-

public by itself to attempt to regulate the total production of silver in the world in order to establish its price. He went on to say that the Mexican Government were very wisely doing their best to stimulate production and exports, because by stimulating exports the exchange between Mexico and foreign countries tended to be improved. That, proceeded the Chairman, was very sound. They could only trust that before long this expectant attitude—no doubt a wise one—would give place to definite action, and that this most difficult problem would be solved by the Mexican Government. It was understood that they were trying to do something in the United States, but in view of the difficulty surrounding the matter they must not expect—indeed, they should fear—hasty action. He did trust, however, that they would see their way to solve the question—the most difficult possible, but than which none was so important for the welfare of the Republic of Mexico. Every good citizen of the Republic and everyone largely interested in her commerce would, if right-minded, co-operate with the Government as far as in him lay to bring about a good solution, and the Government therefore had nothing to fear in bringing such a solution forward. At any rate, the company must themselves remain in an expectant attitude, as the matter did not lie with them. On the whole, as he could not resume the whole situation of silver—and he had not said a word about silver production—he could only say that there did not seem to be any present hope of a rapid improvement. The price to-day was lower than ever, but there were elements in the case which must lead, he thought, to a recovery later on. In referring, for instance, to the Transvaal, he was not making a digression; nothing tended so much to steady the price of silver and raise it as a largely increased production of gold.

PATENT RIGHTS IN FAR EAST.

INVENTORS AND ORIENTAL GOVERNMENTS.

Nothing better illustrates the difference between Occidental and Oriental civilization than the manner in which inventions are regarded by the respective governments.

In the West the inventor is honoured and his invention is protected by letters patent, copyrights and trade marks, while no attention is bestowed upon those who are thrown out of employment through the invention itself. In the Far East the inventor is regarded as a mere artisan; there are no patent rights to protect or reward him, and the labourer is protected by the authorities against any and all things which tend to injure his calling.

"It is this attitude of the governing classes," said an expatriate to a representative of a Vancouver journal, "which puzzles a merchant and which threatens serious consequences in the industrial and commercial world before many years have passed by. Even at the present time it works injustice from a Western point of view. This on one occasion a large house sent a consignment of fine lamps to Japan. They were the latest design, and were protected by letters patent. They were promptly in Yokohama and the agent wrote home for a larger invoice. When these arrived none could be sold. The puzzled agent made inquiry and found that the first lot had been purchased by manufacturers, who immediately imitated them and put the imitations on the market at less than half the price for which the originals could be sold."

A similar experience was had by a concern which exported hand sewing machines in

Japan and China. With the exception of goods whose making requires expensive and complicated machinery, it does not pay to export anything on a large scale to the Far East which can be imitated by the clever artisans in that part of the world. It is to be hoped that Japan and China will join the International Copyright League and enact broad patent laws. Until this is done the foreign merchant is defenceless.

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH CO., LD.

AND SILVER DEPRECIATION.

The 8th half-yearly general meeting of this company was held on 19th ult. at River Plate House, E.C., Sir J. Wolfe Barry, K.C.B., presiding.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, stated that the gross revenue for the half-year ended June 30th last had amounted to £283,856, showing a decrease on that of the corresponding period of 1901 of £62,000. He regretted to have to announce this decrease, but it was to be caused entirely beyond the control of the directors of the company. In the June half of 1901, moreover, there was a contribution to revenue of £23,000 from exceptional causes, such as profits on contract work, &c., and therefore the actual decrease in the traffic receipt amounted in round figures to about £40,000. This decline was mainly owing to the fact that there had been no elasticity whatever in the Australian traffic, but it was also due to two other matters which now pressed heavily on the company. One of these was the serious loss on exchange consequent on the great depreciation in silver. The monetary standard in the Straits Settlements, Hongkong, and certain parts of China, was the Mexican dollar, which a year or two ago was worth over 2s, whereas it was now worth only about 1s. 7d. Up to now the company had been collecting their rates in silver, hoping from time to time that exchange would become better, and that they might revert to the former state of things as far as regarded results; but there seemed to be no indication of this, and the directors had, therefore, made up their minds that the rates for telegrams should now be collected in sterling, that the rate of collection should be varied from time to time, and that it should be revised every three months. The other important matter that had pressed upon them was the considerable reductions which they had made in their tariffs. He had no doubt that some of these reductions would in course of time result in an increase in the volume of traffic, and this might to some extent get rid of the pressure on the company in this respect. Of course, the directors had to consider the demands of commerce, and the reductions had been made by them from time to time in order to try and keep pace with the universal cry for cheap telegrams. The company lost by the reduction in their tariffs £26,000 last year. The working and other expenses in the half-year had been £121,000, showing an increase of £5,456 over those of the corresponding period of 1901. This advance was almost entirely accounted for by the opening of the new stations in connection with their direct Cape-Australian cable, and by the general growth of expenditure. The net profit for the half-year was £148,500, out of which the usual interim dividends had been paid, and £73,500 was carried forward. Since the close of the half-year the Netherlands Government had arranged with the company to supply and lay on their account a submarine cable between the islands of Borneo and Celebes, about 700 miles. The cable had been manufactured by the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, and it would be conveyed to its destination and laid by the two repairing steamers which were now being built for the company on the Tyne. These vessels would already have been completed, he believed, but for the fact that the shipbuilders were affected by a strike of their joiners and plumbers. The directors understood that the Netherlands Government intended in the near future to establish other cable extensions in Netherlands India. They regarded these cables with some satisfaction, as they ought to be the means of developing new sources of traffic. Perhaps the most important matter to mention to the meeting that day was that the laying of the much-talked-of Pacific cable had recently been completed, and it was expected to be opened within a fortnight or three weeks. The rate for messages by the new route to Australia would be the same as by this company's route, viz., 3s. per word. The Pacific cable was not a private enterprise, but was established by the Governments of Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand for a service between Canada and Australia, and in fulfilment of the sentimental notion of an "all British" cable. He failed to see that that cable was much more "all British" than their own, which went from Australia, via the Cape of Good Hope, direct to Great Britain, with the only exception of touching one small island belonging to Portugal. Of course, directly that Pacific cable got to work it would enter into direct competition with their own system, but he did not see cause for any violent alarm. It was a regrettable feature, that for almost the first time the British and Colonial Governments had entered into competition with private enterprise. As to wireless telegraphy he had nothing special to say. All that had been stated at other public meetings remained in force. The Marquis of Tweeddale seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted. A vote of thanks to the chairman and directors terminated the proceedings.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory.

On the 22nd at 11.25 a.m. the barometer has risen quickly to N. China, fallen in Japan. Pressure is again high over N. China, and the shallow area of low pressure is moving over Japan towards the Pacific. Gradients rather steep with very strong monsoon along the China coast and increasing monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N. to N.E. winds; fine.

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MARRIAGE.

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DEATH.

On 20th December, at 33, Hollywood Road, Mr. MURCHERJI MANEJJI MEHTA, Manager, Messrs. Tata & Co., and a trustee of the Parsee Charity Funds, aged 57 years. Deeply regretted. [1403d]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1902.

GERMANY IN ENGLAND'S WAKE.

The publication of the special telegram in our issue of Saturday is suggestive of a retrospective glance into the pages of history to demonstrate how other Powers are not slow to profit by the lessons of our experience and to take full advantage of the example of success of our methods of colonization. In the German *Elst* for *Kiaochow* pro 1903, a sum of Mk. 12,876,000 is proposed to be spent on the German colony in Asia for next year. Against this large expenditure there is an estimated revenue from the settlement of only Mk. 455,000. To meet the deficit there will be an imperial contribution of Mk. 12,421,000. The revenue is more than absorbed by the cost of the civil administration alone, which is expected to be Mk. 666,666. The military department will cost Mk. 2,441,755, and "joint payments" is set down at a little more than half the combined cost of the civil and military administrations, or, to be more precise, Mk. 1,936,897. Thus showing, for total recurrent expenditure, Mk. 5,345,316, (or 41.51 per cent of the whole). The difference of 58.49 per cent, or Mk. 7,530,684, it is proposed should be appropriated for what are called "Non-recurrent expenses." In detail, they are as follows:—Harbour constructions 2,990,000, Mining etc. 1,934,000, Houses, Godowns, etc. 200,000, Training of streams and afforestation 106,000, Defence 700,000, Lighthouses, buoys, etc. 40,000, Floating Dock, Workshops, etc. 1,500,000, and Reserve, 60,684. It has been said in respect to colonization, and we reproduce the observation from one of the earliest accounts of the colony of Hongkong, that the first work the French undertake is to build a port, the Spaniards a church, and the English a factory, or a warehouse. How closely our German cousins follow us in this respect it is not difficult to discern in the vote of M. 290,000 for godowns, etc. With the occupation of Hongkong we entered into the possession of one of the finest harbours in the world. That was one of the considerations that weighed in favour of the choice of the island, and what Nature has not gifted the Germans in Tsingtau to a like extent they are determined to make up for with the aid of that wherewithal which, combined with a certain degree of pre-science, contribute to the success of the individual as well as of the nation. The rise of Germany on the Chinese horizon is of quite recent date, although suggestions for the acquisition of a port on the seaboard have been made by German traders on various occasions, and political relations have existed between the two countries since 1861. The first active interference in Chinese affairs was not, however, until 1897 when the German squadron captured the forts commanding the bay of Kiaochow and, as a result of the negotiations that followed, an agreement was entered into, "in the hope of further cementing the friendship of the two countries, and fostering commercial relations," whereby China leased to Germany, for a term of fifty years, an area comprising the whole bay of Kiaochow as far as high water mark, and the two peninsulas of land bounding its entrance, together with a larger area, of which the bay forms the centre, comprising about thirty miles. The territory north and south of the bay had already been leased to Germany for a term, in the first instance, of ninety-nine years

and she was at liberty to erect forts, coaling and docking depôt, etc. Since then barracks, offices, and other buildings have been and are being erected; and the complete fortification of the bay is being carried out. Railway facilities have also been afforded during the occupation, and, as the province is rich in minerals especially coal, there can be no doubt that Kiaochow will become the seat of an important and extensive trade. The large sum of Mk. 2,990,000 which has been sanctioned for harbour constructions in the new year places beyond a doubt the plan that will be carried out to equip the port in order to raise it to one of first-class commercial rank. For those "argosies of magic sails" that will be attracted thither with the merchandise of the West and will depart therefrom with the wealth of the Gorgeous East, the floating dock now building at Kiel, which formed the subject of our special cablegram on the 1st November, claims one and a half million marks from the Kiaochow budget. The dock is under construction at present at the Howaldt Works at Kiel, together with the Gute Hoffnung Ironworks at Oberhausen. It will have a lifting capacity of 16,000 tons, so that it will be able to put dry the largest German cruiser or ironclad. The presence of a large German floating-dock on the coast of China has been recognised of late as highly necessary, and it is presumed that the dock will pay well, as all the German naval vessels in the Far East—at present 11 cruisers and gunboats—so far have been dependent on foreign docks. If the new giant dock is not required for German naval service, merchant vessels also will be admitted at ordinary rates. The dock, when finished, will be taken to pieces again for purposes of export to China, where it will be reconstructed. To exploit the mineral resources of their new territory, the German Government, apart from private enterprise, are prepared to devote a sum of nearly two million marks, in the forthcoming year. From the above observations, it will be seen how closely German methods have been adapted so as to assimilate our own. Under the seal of the Imperial Minister and High Commissioner, Keshen, Hongkong passed to the British Crown in 1841. On the 29th January of that year, by Captain Elliott's proclamation "British government was thereby constituted and proclaimed in and over Hongkong." With the organization of an early form of government, a chief magistrate and a harbour master, etc., were appointed, then fifty lots of land were sold and building commenced with great spirit. The Government spent very large sums of money on the island and ships of war and transports became frequent visitors to the port of the newly-acquired possession. On the 6th July, 1843, the surveyor general presented an official report, covering twenty-two pages, to Sir Henry Pottinger. In addition to suggesting the building of an entirely new town in Wong-nai-chong, the report recommended the construction of "two ranges of terraces of houses, courts of law, etc.; acclimatizing barracks, sea reclamation for a public landing place; a magnificent promenade of four miles also to be reclaimed from the foreshore; and a circular road over hills and ravines round the entire island, etc. adapted for carriages and for moving troops with speed and facility to any part of the island, where they may happen to be required for the protection of the different villages." Besides there were included the construction of stores, ports, arsenals, dock-yards, wharfs, etc., all projected and estimated to cost several millions sterling (at the then rate of exchange) before they could be completed. In a memorial, headed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., to Lord Stanley and dated the 13th August, 1845, the British merchants—false prophets that they proved to be—affirmed that Hongkong could not be expected under any circumstances to possess an extensive trade, or to afford any considerable revenue towards the payment of its expenses. In the following July there appeared the discouraging belief in the London *Times* that "the prospects of Hongkong as a commercial colony are not good; account for it as we will, disguise as we may, the truth is becoming more plain and undeniable every day; it might perhaps be well dispensed with for any value it is of now to our commerce." But the determination of our earliest founders was unflinching and in spite of the representations—official and unofficial—against England's furthest outpost Sir John Davis, the then Governor, held to his confident expectation that "Hongkong would supersede Canton." We have made errors in the past as we are likely to commit again in the future. Nevertheless, those errors have formed the ground upon which experience has built the superstructure of success. Germany follows in our wake, and by doing so her statesmen lead her along the sure road to the attainment of that success which has characterized England's enterprise and the perfection of purpose of her colonial administrators.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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THE PROGRESS OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN:—Mr. Chamberlain has visited Nair Obi, and witnessed a war dance of Messai, reports the *N. C. D. News*.

THE LAND TAX IN JAPAN:—On the 16th instant, the House of Representatives at Tokyo was prorogued for five days when about to reject the project of the Government for an increased land tax.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING:—The Council met on Tuesday, the 23rd instant, will be held at 11 a.m. owing to Unofficial Members having to attend meetings in the afternoon.

THE SIBERIAN ROUTE:—Mr. C. N. Ispolatoff, Russian Postmaster, has received orders by wire to accept no foreign mail matter for transmission via Siberia. All such matter sent to him will be dispatched via Suez.

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THE C. M. S. N. Co.:—A Peking dispatch to hand states that the plot to wrest the control from the present Director-General 1 of the China Merchants' Co. has failed and that to all appearances there will be no change made for some time yet.

RETURN OF VISITORS to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 21st December, 1902:—

	Library	Museum
Non-Chinese.....	288	85
Chinese.....	114	2,097
Total.....	402	2,182

LARGE IRON PONTON:—What is reported to be the largest iron pontoon ever built in Shanghai, constructed for Messrs Butterfield and Swire for use at Chinkiang, was launched the other day from the yard of the Hongkong Engine Works. The health of the owners was subsequently proposed by Mr Ord, and responded to by Captain Whittle. A similar pontoon is being built for the same firm's use at Hankow.

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THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI:—The horses, ponies and carriages belonging to the German officers will be sold to-morrow by auction at the Horse Bazaar, says the *China Gazette* of the 17th inst. The British and French stores have nearly all been disposed of while the transport *Clive* is now in the river preparing for the embarkation of the British troops which will commence on the 20th or 21st inst.

DARING ROBBERY IN BONHAM ROAD:—During the early hours of Sunday morning, Dr. R. M. Gibson's house in Bonham Road was entered by burglars, and property to the value of over \$200, carried away. The burglary was not discovered till late in the morning. It is reported that the property stolen consisted chiefly of silver ware and cutlery. It has not been ascertained how the robbers gained admission to the house, as the culprit or culprits left no traces behind. The matter is now in the hands of the police.

INLAND NAVIGATION:—The *Sin Wan Pao* learns that inland navigation will be allowed after the new commercial treaty has been ratified. After its ratification, foreigners will doubtless make haste in establishing steam launch lines in the inland rivers; thus all the profits will go to foreigners. In consequence Viceroy Yuan intends to establish a steam launch company on the same lines as the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company or that the proposed company might be capitalized by the larger company. In the beginning the launches will run on the northern and southern canals, and later on they will run in other inland waters.

To the ladies and the picture loving people of Hongkong: You have something coming from me in the way of a Souvenir on my Grand Opening Day. Please give us the pleasure of extending to you a token of our friendship and an introduction of ourselves to you. Very truly, Le Munyon.—*Adv.*

DEATH OF PROMINENT PARSEE:—It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Murcherjee Manejee Mehta, a well-known Parsee merchant, who passed away on the 20th inst. at his residence in Hollywood Road. The deceased, who was much respected, and a trustee of the Parsee Charity funds had an attack of acute congestion of the lungs followed by sudden heart failure. The funeral, which took place yesterday morning, was well attended, by nearly all the Parsee community, and a large gathering of his friends, both Europeans and Chinese. The deceased came to the East in 1885, and successfully represented the well-known firm of Messrs. Tata and Company, at Amoy, Foochow, Tientsin, Shanghai and Hongkong. He was 55 years of age.

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THEFT OF A CHEQUE:—A cheque on the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for \$500, issued at Canton and payable to a Chinaman, was stolen a few days ago. The thief managed to get to Hongkong and have the cheque cashed before payment could be stopped.

PROFESSOR IN TROUBLE:—We learn from Canton that a certain professor, who claims to work wonderful cures, is in trouble. The professor made some kind of an agreement with a Chinese gentleman to cure him for \$500. The Chinaman took treatment for about three weeks after he had paid three hundred dollars on his bargain. The cure not coming up to his expectations he refused to go on with the treatment. Now the professor wishes to collect damages, or loss, to the amount of about \$500. The case will come before the United States Consul at an early day.

FATALITY IN SHIP STREET:—Oharu Kago, a Japanese woman residing at No. 13, Ship Street, died yesterday morning, and it is alleged that Chintaro Matsumoto, carpenter of the steamer *Wakamatsu Maru*, beat and kicked her to death in a most brutal manner. The man was arrested and brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning, and Japanese men and women appeared to give evidence. Five women identified the man, who, it is supposed, was the deceased's husband. When charged he admitted having assaulted the woman, but said that he did not intend to kill her. The case is adjourned till Saturday.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AND THE CURRENCY QUESTION

With reference to the remarks in our leading article on Saturday, we have since ascertained that at a meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce no unanimity of views was arrived at in regard to the currency question. While some members held to the opinion expressed by the Chamber in 1897 that the currency of the Colony cannot be divorced from that of China, others are of the mind that, between 1897 and now there have intervened such a number of varying circumstances as to render a modification of the original resolution almost imperative at the present time. The minority advocated that steps should be taken in order to secure for the Colony a fixity in our monetary standard. From the meeting some of the members of the Committee were unavoidably absent, and the proposition that a further meeting should be convened, when all the members could be assembled for a reconsideration of the question, was carried. It is suggested that, after the next Committee meeting, an extraordinary general meeting of the members should be called with a view to a general expression of opinion being elicited in reference to this matter. In connection with the currency question we have learned that the local medical practitioners have resolved to establish their tariff in gold as from the 1st prox.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

MARRIED & SINGLE.

The Marrieds won the toss and in the first innings were all put out in 80 minutes for 91 runs. The scores were as follows:—

MARRIED.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
P. T. Lambie, c Hooper, 6 not out..... 4	b Dixon..... 6 not out..... 4
b Dixon..... 6 not out..... 4	Major Clark, R.A.M.C., 0 b Dixon..... 0
c Smith, b Powell..... 0 b Dixon..... 0	Mjr. Le Breton Simmons, 0 b Dixon..... 0
R. E. b Powell..... 4 b Dixon..... 0	Capt. Fawcett, R.A. (Capt.) 0 b Dixon..... 0
C. Hooper, b Broadbent 31 c Broadbent, b F. Maitland, b Powell..... 4 Dixon..... 2	E. W. Maitland, b Powell 8 b Rimington..... 0
G. Lammer, c Broadbent, b Powell..... 0 c Powell, b Dixon 0	Col. Ferrier, A.P.O., c 0 not out..... 10
and b Broadbent..... 0 not out..... 10	A. Mackenzie, c Turner, b Powell..... 6 c Ward, b.....
Rimington 0	Lt. Forbes, R.N., not out 23 c Turner, b Dixon 12
Capt. Tulloch, R.A., c 0	Good, b Powell..... 2 b Rimington..... 0
Extras..... 7	Extras..... 4
Total..... 91	Total (8 wickets) 32

SINGLE.

W. C. D. Turner, c F. Maitland, b Fawcett. 13	Lt. H. W. Smith, R.A., c Ferrier, b Lambie. 13
Lt. H. Dalrymple, R.N., b Fawcett..... 11	J. T. Dixon b Fawcett..... 35
A. G. Ward (Capt.), c Forbes, b Lammer..... 4	S. Powell, c Lammer, b E. W. Maitland..... 1
Lt. M. B. Rimington, S.R., run out..... 4	E. M. Broadbent, R.N., not out..... 30
Lt. M. C. Hodgson, S.R., c Fawcett, b Clark..... 3	J. Hooper, c Lammer, b Clark..... 3
Rev. E. H. Go d, R.N., c and b Lammer..... 1	Extras..... 3
Total..... 239	

POLICE BOAT CAPSIZED

IN A SQUALL.

While P. C. Baker (95), and a crew of five Chinese, were sailing Police boat No. 7, with provisions for the station at Yung Shuwan Island on Saturday a sudden squall struck the craft, capsizing it and its contents. Fortunately a number of fishing junks were in the vicinity and No. 56, rescued the struggling crew from the water and despatched them on another craft to Aberdeen. All the provisions, as well as some fittings were lost, whilst Constable Baker had the misfortune to lose his cap and accoutrements.

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SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

H.K. F.C. v. H.M.S. "OCEAN."

This match proved a great attraction and was witnessed by a large number of spectators including Sir Henry Blake. The teams were:—H. K. F.C.—C. C. Hickling, goal; T. E. Pearce and J. W. C. Bonnar, backs; G. B. Macdonald, C. T. Kew and R. Kerr, halves; W. R. Lemarchand, E. J. Libeand, C. R. S. Cooper, W. W. Clarke, and G. A. Cooke, forwards.

H.M.S. "Ocean"—Lewis, goal; Harper and Hall, backs; Bates, Wintworth and Richards, halves; Clarke, Husband, Winecarts, Lewis and McLean, forwards.

At half-time each side had scored one goal, and at the finish the Ocean had gained a win by 3-1.

THE SECOND STREET COLLAPSE.

CONTRACTORS NOT GUILTY.

ANOTHER RIDER.

The hearing of the charge of manslaughter against two native contractors in connection with the collapse of houses in Second Street was brought to a close at the Supreme Court this morning, when the jury, having retired for 45 minutes, returned a verdict of not guilty, and added the following rider:—The jury are of the unanimous opinion that the authorities should adopt more stringent measures to prevent houses being built in such a manner, as in this case over which we have given our verdict, wherein incompetent men are left entirely to themselves, without any supervision whatever to erect houses in such a manner as to render them most dangerous to human habitation and the public at large.

The contractors were discharged. At the conclusion of the case, the Attorney General pointed out that, with such a mass of damaging evidence, he was surprised to find the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. It was not in accordance with what he expected, and he considered the Government should enforce a law for the jury to act in accordance with the evidence.

His Lordship, however, remarked that the Court is not a place for legislation, but as the jury had given the verdict, the matter was settled.

The Attorney General quite agreed with His Lordship's views, and remarked that had an European been killed through the collapse the verdict would be different, but as it was a few Chinamen had been killed, it appeared that the guilt of the contractors did not amount to much.

CLAN FIGHT AT QUARRY BAY.

ONE KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED.

Last evening an Indian watchman at the entrance to Quarry Bay Shipbuilding Yard stopped a woman attempting to make an exit with a basket of wood. It appears the watchman desired to search the basket, but the woman objected whereupon, it is alleged the man assaulted her and threw the basket on the ground. The woman ran away and told her mother, who at once proceeded to Shaukiwan Police station. In the meantime, a number of dock coolies attacked the watchman, who was reinforced by seven of his fellows. In about 120 minutes one of the Indians was killed and the other seven so seriously injured that it was found necessary to summon an ambulance corps to convey them to the Government Civil Hospital where they are at present in a critical condition. No arrests have been made, but the police are investigating the matter.

YACHTING.

FLEET CLUB RACE.

The yachts started off from the Police Pier yesterday on the following course:—Round a mark boat off Chung Hue Island, thence to North Fairway buoy, back to Chung Hue Island home. Four boats are protesting against the result of the race as the mark boat was accidentally placed nearer Green Is. than Chung Hue Is.

In the 1st class: *Verno* came in first, *Dione* 2nd. *Alonah* went where the mark boat ought to have been and did not finish.

In the 2nd class: 1st, *Irta*, 2nd, *Maid Marion* (protests owing to the position of buoy); 3rd *Doreen*; 4th *Pyne*.

In the one design class: 1st, *Coleen*; 2nd, *Mia*; 3rd, *Frier*; 4th, *Bonita*.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

German (*Princess Irene*) 24th inst.
American (*Hongkong Hickory*) 24th inst.
Australian (*Chinglu*) 25th inst.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
American (*Doria*) 8th prox.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pekin* left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., at 8 a.m.

The Ben Line steamer *Benbow* from Leith and London left Singapore to-day, 22nd inst., for this port.

The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Chinglu* left Kobe for this port on 20th inst., and is expected to arrive here on 25th inst., at daylight.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Yamato Maru* (Australian Line) left Manilla direct for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 23rd inst.

The Imperial German Mail steamer *Bayern* left Shanghai on Saturday, the 20th inst., at noon, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 22nd inst., p.m.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *China* will sail from Yokohama for various ports and Hongkong on 23rd inst. The steamer *Pers* arrived at San Francisco on 19th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

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Venezuela.

ARBITRATION REFUSED.

BLOCKADE NOT RETARDED.

BERLIN, 20th Dec., 10.5 a.m.

The request of President Castro for arbitration has been refused, although England and Germany have proposed that America should undertake the arbitration under certain conditions. The blockade, however, will not be retarded.

War in Macedonia Anticipated.

The voyage of Count Lambsdorff has raised an Oriental question, as an outbreak of war is anticipated in the spring, in Macedonia.

Commercial Treaties.

CONFERENCES PROBABLE.

It is expected that in the early part of the New Year conferences will be held regarding commercial treaties. The present treaties, however, will not be cancelled.

Customs Tariff.

The Bundesrath accepted the Customs Tariff Law.

LATER.

Arrest of the Humbert Family

AT MADRID.

The Humbert family has been arrested at Madrid.

There have been many reported arrests of the Humberts, but it now appears to be an accomplished fact, and the clearing up of this extraordinary mystification and amazing swindle is evidently imminent. It may be remembered by those who have followed the remarkable story that in the early eighties, Therese Humbert, a young peasant girl living near Toulouse, told her neighbours that, under the will of Robert Henry Crawford, a wealthy American, she had become sole heir to a fortune of 100,000,000 francs. She was then married to M. Humbert, but the will was opposed by two nephews of the legatee, and pending an amicable settlement of the dispute, Mmc. Humbert and the Crawford's agreed that the 100,000,000 francs in securities should be sealed and deposited in Mme. Humbert's safe, not to be opened by her under penalty of forfeiting all claim upon the estate. A French notary certified to the depositing under these conditions of 100,000,000 francs in approved securities, and Mme. Humbert was soon raising loans upon this deposit, and her notes, "payable after the conclusion of my actions at law," were freely accepted by the banks. But for upwards of 15 years the Crawford's fought Mme. Humbert, and so long as they continued their fighting, no one could doubt that the 100,000,000 francs actually lay under seal in Mme. Humbert's safe. How for five years more she managed to delay the settlement is matter of notoriety. She played upon the political and religious prejudices of a famous lawyer, whose complete confidence in his client led to the opening of the safe in the presence of her chief creditors. The finding of an empty jewel-case, a copper coin, a brass button, and 5,000 francs in securities was the result—the total security for loans of 55,000,000 francs—half the amount of the fortune.—Ed., H.K.T.]

Venezuela Blockade.

The blockade has been declared at Venezuela.

(R. Inter.)

British Columbia and the Japanese.

LONDON, December 19th.

The judicial committee of the Privy Council has delivered judgment, upholding the right of British Columbia to exclude naturalized Japanese from the franchise.

LATER.

Venezuela.

General Castro has invested Mr. Bowen, United States minister at Caracas, with full powers to effect a settlement of the dispute with England and Germany. This, which is taken as another indication that Venezuela is disposed to yield, has been received with satisfaction in England where the British co-operation with Germany is greatly disliked.

Great Britain has replied to the American suggestion regarding arbitration in a manner rendering a satisfactory settlement of the dispute probable, but she will deal with America only, ignoring General Castro entirely. Germany and Italy have replied similarly, and an extensive exchange of views regarding the form of the conditions is still proceeding preparatory to the framing of a joint reply.

The British Embassy at Rome.

December 20th.

H. E. the Rt. Hon. Lord Currie, G.C.B., British Ambassador at Rome, has resigned owing to ill-health.

Russia and Afghanistan.

A *Communique* of the Russian Foreign Office declares that the frontier settlement with Afghanistan was arranged prior to the Boer war. Russia addressed no request of any sort to Great Britain, but simply notified her of Russia's desire and intention to enter into direct relations with Afghanistan.

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Giraull.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI DOCKS.

RUMOUR-AMALGAMATION.

A rumour is current in commercial and stock exchange circles that an attempt at amalgamating the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., with Fairbank & Co., Ltd., of Shanghai, is on foot. Are the methods and practices evolved out of the fertile brains of Wall Street magnates travelling across the Pacific to the Orient? If so, we seem to have dawned upon a new era of trusts and combines, ending, we know not where.

THE JANET WALDORF'S DRAMATIC CO.

The season of Miss Waldorf's Co. will be resumed on Friday (Boxing Night). In the meantime they will appear at Canton whither they went on Sunday evening by the s.s. *Chu Kong*. Their Canton season is limited to two nights only and they will return to Hongkong early on Christmas morning. The announcements for the farewell season promise a bright and interesting series of plays. On *Boxing Night* a farcical comedy, entitled *Turned Up*, will be played, and will be repeated on the following evening. Then follow revivals of the *Lady of Ostend* and *Camille*, after which the Company will take their leave of Hongkong audiences. The farewell bill will be the sensational London success, *Sweet Nell of Old Drury*.

NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. *Algerine* returned from Canton on Saturday.

H.M.S. *Blenheim* arrived from Singapore on Saturday afternoon.

The British sloop *Mutine* arrived from the Yangtze on Saturday.

H.M.S. *Fearless* arrived from Canton yesterday.

The American transport *Saturn* left for Manila yesterday.

H.M.S. *Albatross* arrived from Canton this morning.

H.M.S. *Vestal* arrived from Singapore yesterday.

H.M.S. *Moorhen* arrived here on Saturday.

H.M.S. *Rubin* will spend Xmas at Macao, and H.M.S. *Sandpiper* at Canton.

BOISTEROUS WEATHER.

SAILOR KILLED ON "ATHENIAN"

The Canadian Pacific str. *Athenian* arrived from Vancouver and intermediate ports yesterday. She encountered boisterous weather across the Pacific, high seas frequently washing over the vessel. While working at the stern sails to steady the steamer, a lead or purchase block hit one of the sailors on the head and fractured his skull, causing his death. The vessel had fine weather from Yokohama onward and made a smart passage down the coast from Shanghai.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

The Joint-Telegraph Companies have given notice that from the 1st of January, 1903, the currency equivalent of the franc has been fixed at \$0.46, subject to revision three months hence, at which rate tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

The following charges will in consequence come into force on the 1st proximo:—
To Europe (except Russia and Caucasus) \$3.25
North America—
Massachusetts, New York City and Ontario 3.80
Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia 3.90
Illinois and Georgia 3.95
Texas 4.05
California 4.10
Australia—
South and West Australia, Victoria, New South Wales & Queensland 2.25
New Zealand 2.40
Japan 1.50
India 1.40
Burmah 1.50
Ceylon 1.45
Straits Settlements:—
Singapore 1.15
Malacca 1.20
Penang 1.40
Java 1.60
Canton China 0.75
Philippines:—
Luzon 0.50

CHINA STATE LOTTERY

TO PAY OFF INDEMNITY.

The *China Gazette* learns from Peking that the Empress Dowager and Emperor have approved of the recommendation of one of the Censors to raise a fund to pay off the indemnity by means of a great State Lottery. The Boards of Revenue and of Reform Investigation, to whom the subject was referred for report, have offered no objection.

Commercial.

LANGKATS.

The following telegraphic information, dated the 16th inst., has been received from the Sumatra Director and Manager of the Maatschappij tot Mijn Boschen Landbouweexploitatie, in Langkat I d.:—
Daily aggregate output of Crude Gallaes Petroleum 60,000
Crude Petroleum in Tanks at date 200,000
Kerosene made since the date of the preceding half monthly telegram 53,000
Kerosene shipped since the date of the preceding half monthly telegram 53,000
Kerosene in Stock at Refinery at date 78,000

ASK for ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Giraull.

A shareholder in Raub who has peculiarly reliable expert knowledge of mining, and has exceptional sources for information concerning the working of the property, writes to the *Strait Times* from Kuala Lumpur a letter that is bound to prove of material interest to all who now have, or who ever did have money invested in that enterprise of magnificent disappointments. It will be seen that, apart from the unfavourable comments he passes upon the actual administration of the mine, he furthermore complains that the Government of the Federated Malay States does not assist the development of Raub—or of any other property for that matter—with the same spirit of paternal benevolence and generosity that is exhibited by the Australian Government towards the mining industries of the Southern Colonies. This is a point on which everyone cannot be expected to share opinions with our correspondent, says the *Strait Times*, especially in his suggestion that the Government ought to insist upon managers performing their duty according to some code set by an administration that possibly might become fond of red tape should it ever enter its dotage. Red tape might be bad for certain presently profitable mines. Apart from the preferences or prejudices that he may express in this matter, however, the statements made by our correspondent in regard to existing facts, and his suggestions as to non-existent works that he says ought to be existent, will be found pregnant with interest to most persons who care to follow the fortunes of these Colonies. He writes as follows:—

It is common talk in Selangor and Pahang that the present Manager of Raub has been engaged to gradually close down the workings and to re-open the mine with capital furnished by the original shareholders or their friends; it is also currently reported that there is likely to be a change shortly, and it is hoped it will be for the better. Such rumours as these cause a great deal of uneasiness to shareholders.

For the last two years this good old mine has been going to the dogs (like several more of the old Pahang gold mines). In fact this decadence dates from the time the two experts went to report on the property; and it would seem from the rumours about, that theirs was the first initiative step to close down the mine.

Reviewing the work on the mine during the past two years, one can only come to the conclusion that there is some truth in such rumours. What has been done in developing the lodes, and opening out more ground? So far as we can see from the reports published, very little driving on lodes or sinking has been done. Consequently no ore bodies of importance have been opened out for stopping purposes, nor have any great discoveries been made in the crosscuts. Yet nothing has been done on the mine as ever, and the quantity of quartz taken from Bukit Komman and Bukit Hitam must have very greatly diminished the reserves of ore. This style of working cannot go on for very much longer. Unless new ore bodies are discovered the energetic manager will be unable to keep the mill going.

The report published in the *Strait Times* on the 2nd inst. is worded so that some people would consider it a good one, but others do not. No mention is made of the further sinking of Bukit Komman or Bukit Hitam shafts, or of the driving from the bottom of these shafts. Neither does the report show that any new ground is being opened out. The Company has a further capital of 30,000 to 50,000 to call up, this would give a sum of nearly 100,000. Allowing for shares relinquished, and considering the present rate of exchange, the Company would have approximately 100,000 to work with. Why do they not call this up and work the mine in a proper manner? It is a generally accepted fact amongst qualified mining men who understand the circumstances and the locality, that a only prospect of saving Raub is by sinking a main shaft to a depth of 500 or 600 ft. At this depth the developments should be sufficient to prove if the property is worth further working or not. Can it, however, be a fact that—as rumour says—their intention is to close down the mine?

Many improvements have been made by the Manager to reduce expenditure to a minimum, and he has succeeded in reducing the cost of mining to 7.61 per ton, and he says a battery return of 3.24 dwts. of gold per ton should suffice to cover cost. This is the lowest average payable output per ton obtained in Pahang, and looks very well on paper; but how has it been brought about?—By dispensing with Europeans and employing natives to do Europeans' work. It is possibly right from an economical point of view during an emergency; but will it pay in the end? It is a matter of common knowledge that gold enough is now being and has been for years past stolen from Raub to pay for more than one European's salary monthly; and without European supervision in the mine, and at the mill, day and night, a far larger quantity will be stolen. The Sikh watchman is generally in collusion with Chinese miners, and will allow a Chinaman to get away with any quantity of gold in return for a few dollars bribe.

A note recently appeared in the *Strait Times* advising the arrival of Mr. Persse, the Chairman of the Company in Australia, who was going on to Raub to inspect the mine. Let us hope this gentleman, who has always taken a great interest in Raub, will take steps—by insisting on sinking a main shaft—to prove whether the main lodes continue down and if they are worth working. There is not the least doubt that the bottom of Bukit Komman shaft is in barren rock, and the present prospects are very poor. The same thing has happened in different parts of the world, notably, we believe, in Bendigo, Australia, and Mysore in India. But in these cases—under the strain of barren rock—the lodes have been found to be rich, and many mines that were thought worthless are now paying handsome dividends. We would cite the Mysore gold mine and Champion Reef gold mines in India as examples. Meanwhile, it is evident to many people that unless very energetic steps are taken by the Board of Directors to develop the mine in depth, Raub is doomed; and who then would have to accept the blame other than the Directors and the Pahang Government? The Directors because they have not made their managers sink their shafts, and the Government because they have not insisted on the Company doing proper development work. Critical experts state that it appears to them that so long as a certain quantity of gold

was won, both the Directors and the Government were satisfied. Neither looked to the future of the mine. This may or may not be so.

Pahang is in a very poor state and will remain so as long as the Government continues to neglect the gold mining industry. Had Raub been under the Australian Government—even in the Back Blocks—a main shaft would have been sunk 500 or 600 ft. in a third of the time that the Raub Mine has now been working. Moreover, the Australian Government assists miners in sinking such deep shafts, by paying them pound for pound for sinking under a certain level. That is to say they pay an equivalent to the amount of money spent by the miners in sinking such a shaft. Here the Government does nothing. It does not even compel the managers to work the mine in a legitimate manner. Now, however, in view of the fact that Pahang has got a competent Warden of Mines, it is to be trusted that he will be induced to draw up a code of rules that will benefit mining generally.

It may not be generally known that many of the rich Chinese in the country have been buying Raub scrip and locking it up, and if all such shares held by them were registered in their owners' names I think it would be found they held more than half of the mine. At any rate they hold a big interest and will have something to say when—if ever—it comes to a question of winding up or selling the property to outsiders.

EXCHANGE.

IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand 17 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 7 9/16
Draughts, 4 months' sight 17 11/16
ON PARIIS, Bank Bills, on demand M. 63 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 2.05
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 39
Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 110 1/2
On demand 170 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
Private 30 days' sight nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 29 1/2 % prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12.43
Gold Leaf too touch, per tael 64.50
Bar Silver 22 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
MALWA NEW @ \$1,000/1,020
OLD @ 1,040/1,080
PATNA NEW @ 992 1/2
BENARES NEW @ 980
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 750

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 23rd December, 1902, at 11 o'clock, at their
SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
12 Cases CHEESE, 18 Cases OLD TOM GIN, 15 Cases R.M. Several Cases CHAMPAGNE and BEER.
TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1406d]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. F. G. COLLINS, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, within his residence "Dunford" Mount Ketter, the Peak,
SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, at 11 o'clock, at their
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—
BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE BED-STEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, TEAK-WOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED CHAIRS, TEAK-WOOD OVERMANTELS with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER SERVICE, TEA and DESSERT SETS, CUTLERY and GLASSWARE, OLD CHINA VASES, (some of them are from Peking) &c., &c., &c.
ALSO
One COTTAGE PIANO by Collard and Collard, London, (almost new).
A large Assortment of Plants in Pots. (Refreshments will be supplied during the sale). Particulars as per Catalogue.
TERMS:—As usual.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1407d]

LOST.

IN the Lavatory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.
The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to "H."

C/o H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1408d]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND, in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to—
DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 29th inst., at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1410d]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, ANTWERP AND LONDON. The Steamship
"BENLOMOND"
Captain Sturton, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st inst., instead of the 3rd Jan'y as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1411d]

To-day's Advertisements.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instants, respectively.
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. G. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
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E. W. ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
GASTON MAYER,
Acting Manager.
For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE,
Manager.
For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager.
For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,
E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1410d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once at consignees' risk and expense.
Cargo remaining on board after the 25th inst., at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1413d]

THEATRE ROYAL.

JANET WALDORF COMPANY.

Pronounced by Press and Public to be the most talented and versatile Dramatic and Comedy organisation visiting the Orient, will return from Canton and resume Season on FRIDAY, December 26th, 1902. The immensely popular Farcical Comedy "TURNED UP"

TWO NIGHTS ONLY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

MONDAY, December 29th, owing to the phenomenal success, "THE LADY OF OSTEND" will be repeated for this one night only.

TUESDAY, December 30th, "CAMILLE," by Special Request.

FAREWELL PRODUCTION, December 31st, 1902, and January 1st, 1903, of "SWEET NELL."

To call special attention to the universally acknowledged sterling merits of this great play is superfluous.
Tariff, \$3. 2 and 1. Box Plan at ROBINSON'S.
Doors Open at 8.30. Performance at 8. Special Tram and Ferry Services.
ARTHUR SEYMOUR, Representative.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1415d]



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FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 31st December.
"	"PELEUS"	On 8th January.
"	"PYRRHUS"	On 14th "
"	"DIOMED"	On 28th "

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON	"ULYSSES"	On 23rd December.
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
LONDON	"ANTENOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM and LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 17th February.
(Taking Cargo at London Rates) ..	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February.

For Freight, apply to

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Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGHOU"	23rd December.
"	"PAKING"	22nd January.
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	23rd December.
NAPLES, LEGHORN and LONDON	"HYSON"	23rd December.
MARSEILLES, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP	"OOPACK"	16th January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VANCOUVER, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS	"NINGCHOW"	25th December.

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AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	23rd December.
KOBE	"WUHU"	25th "
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	27th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	29th "

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT) ..	24th Dec., at Noon.
PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	Do.	"
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Do.	"
DIAMANTE	1980	A. H. Notley	Do.	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

PORTLAND OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH—

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	Jan. 14, 1903.
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"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	R. P. Craven	"

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR KOBE	"KEELUNG MARU"	TUESDAY, 23rd Dec., at 4 P.M.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 24th December.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 28th December.
FOR FOCHOOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 31st December.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 4th January.

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The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.
All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's.
Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoons at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.
By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 4, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902.

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STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PRINZESS IRENE,"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD,
Captain G. Dannemann, due here with the
outward German Mail about WEDNESDAY,
the 24th instant, at Daylight, will leave for the
above Places about 24 hours after arrival.
NORDDEUTSCHER LOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
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Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [536c]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM-NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SILESIA,"
Captain Ghezzi, will leave for the above places,
on THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Prince's Building.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1380d]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMSHIP	DATE
"CROYDON"	About 27th Dec. 1902.
"MOGUL"	6th Jan.
"HINDUSTAN"	15th Jan.
"SHIMOSA"	To follow.

For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1394d]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).

THE Steamship
"VICTORIA,"
Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above Port on or about SUNDAY, the 28th instant.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1381d]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG TO SYDNEY
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USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE
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Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY
REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can
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NEXT SAILINGS.
"CHINGTU"

THE SHARE MARKET

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(DECEMBER 22nd.)

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LATEST QUOTATION.
Banks.		
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$ 125	\$662½ sales
National Bank of China, Limited.....	£ 8	\$27 sellers
Do. Founders.....	£ 1	\$10
Marine Insurance.		
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$460 buyers
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited.....	\$ 25	\$85 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited.....	\$ 25	Taels 177½ buyers
Yungtse Insurance Association, Limited.....	\$ 60	\$133 buyers
Canton Insurance Office, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$167½ sellers
Fire Insurance.		
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$345 sellers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited.....	\$ 20	\$84½ sellers
Shipping.		
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited.....	\$ 15	\$36 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited.....	£ 10	\$84 buyers
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$25 sellers
Do. Founders.....	\$ 5	nominal
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$41½ sellers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$33 buyers
Do. Founders.....	\$ 5	\$13 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited.....	£ 1	£ 1.12/6 sales
Shanghai Tug Boat Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 290 sales
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited.....	Taels 50	Taels 55 sellers
Shanghai Cargo Boat Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 145 buyers
Co-operative Cargo Boat Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 145 buyers
Refineries.		
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited.....	\$ 100	\$85 buyers
Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.....	\$ 100	\$12½ sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited.....	Taels 50	Taels 73½ ex div.
Mining.		
Punjom Mining Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$24 buyers
Punjom Mining Preference Shares.....	\$ 1	75 cents sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin.....	Francs 250	\$600 sellers
Jebeu Mining and Trading Company, Limited.....	\$ 5	\$14 sellers
Raub Allain Gold Mining Company, Limited.....	£ 18s. 10d.	\$6 buyers
Chinese Engineering & Mining Company, Ltd.....	£ 1	Taels 8.20 sales
Docks, Wharves and Godowns.		
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$210 sales
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Taels 100	Taels 185 sellers
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$88 sellers
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited.....	\$ 64	\$40 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf & Godown Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 307½ sales
Lands, Hotels and Building.		
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$9.85 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	\$ 100	\$185 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.....	\$ 50	\$30 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$57 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$147 sellers
Oriente Hotel Company, Limited (Manila).....	\$ 50	\$37½ sellers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai).....	\$ 25	\$27½ sales
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai).....	Taels 25	Taels 164 buyers
Queen's Hotel (Wei-hai-wei).....	Taels 25	Taels 25
Humphrey's Estate and Finance Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$12 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited.....	Taels 50	Taels 125 sellers
Cotton Mills.		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$174 sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 40 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 41 buyers
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited.....	Taels 100	Taels 42 buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning & Limited.....	Taels 500	Taels 150
Tobacco, Cigar and Cigarette Company.		
Alhambra, Limited.....	\$ 500	\$500 sellers
Philippine Tobacco Trust Co., Limited.....	\$ 50	\$40 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company.....	\$ 20	Taels 45 buyers
American Cigarette Company, Limited.....	Taels 50	Taels 40
Miscellaneous.		
Green Island Cement Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$204 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited.....	\$ 15	\$25 sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	\$ 10	\$14½ sellers
Watkins, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$7½
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$13.10 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited.....	\$ 5	\$66½ sales and sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited.....	£ 10	\$14 buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$120 sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.....	\$ 25	\$50 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.....	\$ 25	\$240 sales and sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$345
Dairy Farm Company, Limited.....	\$ 5	\$112 sellers
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited.....	\$ 50	\$40 sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.....	\$ 10	\$35
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited.....	£ 12s. 6d.	\$7 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited.....	\$ 4	\$86½ sales and buyers
Do. Founders.....	\$ 10	\$155
Tebrau Planting Company, Limited.....	\$ 5	nominal
Universal Trading Co., Limited.....	\$ 20	\$22 buyers
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Limited.....	\$ 7	\$84 buyers
China Light and Power Co., Limited.....	\$ 20	\$13 sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited.....	\$ 50	\$50
Manila Investment Co., Limited.....	\$ 50	\$16 buyers
William Powell, Limited.....	\$ 10	\$9 buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijl. Bosch en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat.....	Guilders 100	Taels 155 sellers
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Telephone No. 148.		
P. O. Box No. 117.		
BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS,		

STEAMERS EXPECTED

VESSEL'S NAME	FROM	AGENTS	DATE
Korea	Singapore	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	To-morrow
Ulysses	Shanghai	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow
Hysan	Moji	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow
Ningchow	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow
Yawata Maru	Manila	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-morrow
Hongkong Maru	Manila	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	December 24th
Prinzess Irene	Singapore	Melchers & Co.	December 24th
Catherine Apar	Singapore	D. Sassoon & Co. Ltd.	December 24th
Chingtu	Kobe	Butterfield & Swire	December 25th
Pekin	Singapore	P. & O. S. N. Co.	December 25th
Telemachus	Singapore	Butterfield & Swire	December 31st
China	Japan	P. M. S. S. Co.	December 31st
Prometheus	Glasgow, &c.	Butterfield & Swire	January 8th
Doric	San Francisco	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 8th
Indravelli	Portland, Or.	P. & A. S. S. Co.	January 10th

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the style in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to give orders to their clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis, with the latest available information every day.

Shipping.

Attivals.

KWANTUNG, Chinese steamer, 1,536, W. H. Lunt, 20th Dec.;—Shanghai 17th Dec.
General.—C. M. N. N. Co.
ELITA NOSSACK, German steamer, 1,161, H. Bruhn, 20th Dec.;—Chinkiang 14th Dec.
General.—E. A. Trading Co.
MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667, T. Saitow, 20th Dec.;—Anping via Amoy Swatow 17th Dec., General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
DOTT, Norwegian steamer, 629, Th. Haraldsen, 20th Dec.;—Bangkok 11th Dec. Rice.—Kin Tye Lung.
DECIMA, German steamer, 794, H. Schlaikier, 20th Dec.;—Saigon 16th Dec., Flour.—Sander, Wieler & Co.
ARIEL, Norwegian steamer, 999, J. Rafen, 20th Dec.;—Chinkiang 15th Dec., General.—J. Tan Koo.
KEELUNG MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,034, K. Sabatama, 20th Dec.;—Shanghai via Foochow and Swatow 11th Dec., General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
CHIANGKIOW, British steamer, 1,202, J. Pearce, 21st Dec.;—Takü Har via Chefoo 16th Dec., Groundnuts.—Butterfield & Swire.
SKULD, Norwegian steamer, 914, A. Berbm, 21st Dec.;—Bangkok 12th Dec. Rice.—Mensoon Seang Key.
TRIUMPH, German steamer, 769, A. Hansen, 21st Dec.;—Fakhoi 19th Dec., General.—Jehsen & Co.
EROS, Norwegian steamer, 700, A. Reutz, 21st Dec.;—Bangkok 13th Dec. Rice and Wood.—Yuei Fat Hong.
ATHENIAN, British steamer, 2,445, H. Mewalt, 21st Dec.;—Vancouver, B.C. 15th Nov., 20th Shanghai 18th Dec., General.—C. P. R. Co.
SEITOKU MARU, Japanese steamer, 831, T. Isumoto, 21st Dec.;—Famusi 18th Dec., Coal.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
KWANGSI, British steamer, 1,228, H. Harris, 21st Dec.;—Tongku and Chefoo 16th Dec., Groundnuts.—Butterfield & Swire.
KAMPOT, French steamer, 412, G. Barry, 21st Dec.;—Saigon 14th Dec. Rice.—Kwong Fat.
HONGKONG, French steamer, 744, J. Pannier, 21st Dec.;—Hoihow 20th Dec., General and Pigs.—A. R. Marly.
YUNNAN, British steamer, 1,206, Wm. Benson, 21st Dec.;—Canton 21st Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
ELITIS, German gunboat, 1,050, G. P. Hallermann, 22nd Dec.;—Marun 21st Dec.
HIAHANG, British steamer, 1,207, F. Jameson, 22nd Dec.;—Canton 21st Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 889, I. Kristiansen, 21st Dec.;—Manila 18th Dec., Ballast.—Orler.
PHENIX, British sloop, 1,050, W. H. Nicholson, 21st Dec.;—from Canton.
AMARA, British steamer, 1,165, C. J. Mattock, 22nd Dec.;—Takü 14th Dec., and Chefoo 16th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FOOCHOW, British steamer, 1,228, H. Smale, 22nd Dec.;—Wuhu 18th Dec. Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
THALES, British steamer, 820, A. J. Robson, 22nd Dec.;—Swatow 21st Dec., General.—Douglas, Lapaik & Co.
WONGKÖI, German steamer, 1,115, W. Reher, 22nd Dec.;—Bangkok 15th Dec., Timber, Rice and General.—Butterfield & Swire.
VEMAL, British sloop, 958, St. I. Farquhar, 22nd Dec.;—Singapore 14th Dec.
FEARLESS, British cruiser, Comdr. Graham, 22nd Dec.;—Shanghai 18th Dec.

Departures.
Dec. 21, *Haiphong*, French str., for Haiphong.
Dec. 21, *Hutching*, British str., for Swatow.
Dec. 21, *Tekelris*, German str., for Amoy.
Dec. 21, *Daijin Maru*, Jap. str., for Swatow.
Dec. 21, *Shensi*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 21, *Elita Nosack*, Ger. str., for Cagran.
Dec. 21, *Kow ngah*, Chinese str., for Canton.
Dec. 21, *Kwangle*, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 21, *Jacob Diederichsen*, German str., for Tsingtau.
Dec. 21, *Suturn*, Amr. transport, for Manila.
Dec. 22, *Indrasanthe*, British str., for Portland, Or.
Dec. 22, *Prinseesse Marie*, Danish str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 22, *Steffir*, Norwegian str., for Nagasaki.
Dec. 22, *Kweiyang*, British str., for Sourabaya.
Dec. 22, *Anping*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 22, *Ariel*, Norwegian str., for Canton.
Dec. 22, *Ningbo*, British str., for Canton.

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A Mail will close:—

For Canton—Per *Hankow*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 2 30 A.M.
For Sandakan—Per *Sandakan*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 8 A.M.
For Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *China*, to-morrow, the 23rd inst., at 9 A.M.
For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Kuwang*, to-morrow, the 23rd inst., at 10 A.M.
For Moji—Per *Wakanatsu Maru*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 10 A.M.
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Gedde*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 11 A.M.
For Macao—Per *Huangshan*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 1 15 P.M.
For Kobe—Per *Keelung Maru*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.
For Nantau—Per *Tailec*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 3 P.M.
For Tamsui—Per *Sei Ku Maru*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Shanghai—Per *Yunnan*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 5 P.M.
For Canton—Per *Pewan*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 5 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy and Anping—Per *Maidzin Maru*, to-morrow, the 23rd inst., at 5 P.M.
For Manila—Per *Rodriguez Maru*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Manila—Per *Zifiro*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Singapore—Per *Malacca*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Haymer*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 11 A.M.
For Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Silesia*, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Kobe—Per *Wuhu* on Thursday, the 25th instant, at 9 A.M.
For Shanghai—Per *Kansu*, on Saturday, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *To-kin*, on Monday, the 29th inst., at 11 A.M.
For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Chingta*, on Monday, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, (H.C.) and Seattle, (U.S.A.)—Per *Skinan Maru*, on Tuesday, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Athenian*, on Wednesday, the 31st instant, at 11 A.M.
For Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Paletta*, on Saturday, the 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.
For Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Vancouver—Per *Empress of China*, on Wednesday, the 14th Jan., at 11 A.M.

PROJECTED SAILINGS.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	DATE.
Anping, &c.	Mardzum Maru	Dec. 24
Bombay, &c.	Bombay Maru	Jan. 2
Bremen, &c.	Jachsen	April 15
"	Kiautschou	Mar. 29
"	Bayern	Dec. 24
"	König Albert	Jan. 21
"	Princess Irene	Jan. 7
"	Preussen	Mar. 4
"	Darmstadt	Feb. 4
"	Stuttgart	Feb. 18
"	Hamburg	Mar. 18
"	Prinz Heinrich	April 1
Fonchow, &c.	Anping Maru	Dec. 31
Genoa, &c.	Benlomoind	Dec. 31
Hayre & Hamburg.	Messia	Dec. 31
"	Nürnberg	Jan. 13
"	Wismar	Jan. 27
"	C. Fred. Lützow	Feb. 10
"	Yawnta Maru	Dec. 24
Japan	Wuhu	Dec. 25
Kobe	Konglung Maru	Dec. 23
Kobe & Yokohama.	Yokuki Maru	Jan. 2
Liverpool	Gojuku	Jan. 20
"	Dardanus	Feb. 20
London	Valetta	Jan. 3
"	Peleus	Jan. 6
"	Antenor	Jan. 20
"	Ulysses	Dec. 23
"	Telemachus	Feb. 3
"	Prometheus	Feb. 17
"	Hyson	Dec. 23
"	El-nlochy	Jan. 8
Marseilles, &c.	Malta	Mar. 28
"	Sado Maru	Dec. 27
"	Ma'	Jan. 16
"	Teenkai	Dec. 23
"	Copack	Jan. 10
"	Tonkin	Dec. 29
Manila	Zafu	Dec. 24
"	Roh Ila Maru	Dec. 31
"	Roselta Maru	Dec. 24
New York	Croydon	Dec. 27
"	Adria	Dec. 28
Portland, (Or.)	Indravelli	Jan. 14
San Francisco, &c.	Nippon Maru	Jan. 24
"	Siberia	Feb. 3
"	Gaelic	Dec. 23
"	Coptic	Feb. 10
"	Korea	Feb. 27
"	Hongkong Maru	Dec. 31
"	China	Jan. 8
"	Poric	Jan. 17
"	America Maru	Feb. 17
"	Victoria	Jan. 28
Shanghai	Chusan	Jan. 2
"	Yunnan	Dec. 23
"	Kansu	Dec. 27
Singapore, &c.	Kumsang	Dec. 21
Swatow	Thales	Dec. 23
"	Hailoong	Dec. 21
Swatow, &c.	Daijin Maru	Jan. 4
"	Daigi Maru	Dec. 28
"	Haitan	Dec. 25
Sydney, &c.	Chingtu	Dec. 29
"	Faiyuan	Jan. 20
"	Tsinan	Feb. 16
"	Changsha	Mar. 7
"	Kumano Maru	Jan. 1
"	Eastern	Jan. 9
Vancouver &c.	Empress of Japan	Jan. 11
"	Empress of China	Jan. 16
"	Empress of India	Feb. 11
"	Athenian	Dec. 31
"	Tartar	Feb. 25
"	Ningchow	Dec. 25
Victoria, B.C.	Olympia	Jan. 17
"	Tremont	Dec. 30
"	Shinano Maru	Dec. 30
"	Victoria	Jan. 3
Yokohama, &c.	Manila	Dec. 29

YESTERDAY,

WEATHER REPORT.		
	On date <u>31</u> to a.m.	On date <u>31</u> p.m.
Barometer	30.13	30.06
Temperature	67	66
Humidity	82	87
Rainfall	—	—

Spanish steamer, 1,158. T

sh steamer, 1,158
Dunkirk, 6th

BRAND, Norwegian steamer, 1,519, John Throssen, 13th Dec.—Chinkiang 8th Dec, Rice.—Carlowitz & Co.

BRUNHILDE, German steamer, 876, Selk, 18th Dec.—Sandakan 12th Dec, Timber.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

CHETTENHAM, British steamer, 2,415, H. Brophy, 8th Dec.—Rangoon 23rd Nov, Rice.—Chinese.

CHINA, German steamer, 1,113, E. Krübbe, 12th Dec.—Samarang 1st Dec, Sugar.—Chinese.

CHOWANG, German steamer, 1,115, H. Textor, 17th Dec.—Bangkok 18th Dec, via Swatow, Rice and Wood.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHWNSHAM, British steamer, 1,284, Jenkins, 15th Dec.—Saigon 10th Dec, General.—Bradley & Co.

DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, F. Frahm, 3rd Dec.—Chefoo 29th Nov, General.—Siemssen & Co.

GAEIC, British steamer, 2,691, William Finch, R.N.R., 17th Dec.—San Francisco 15th Nov, Honolulu 23rd, Yokohama Dec, 8th, Kobe 9th, Nagasaki 11th, and Shanghai 14th, mails and General, C. & O. S. Co.

HALDRE, Norwegian steamer, 1,065, Jensen, 18th Dec.—Mauritius 22nd Nov, and Singapore 10th Dec, Sugar.—Chinese.

KARIN, Swedish steamer, 677, G. Pettersson, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 5th Dec, Rice.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

KUMSANG, British steamer, 3,078, E. J. Buller, 16th Dec.—Singapore 9th Dec, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MERIONETHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,949, C. H. B. rch, 20th Dec.—London 28th Oct, and Singapore 12th Dec, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

MONGKUT, German steamer, 859, G. Götsche, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 8th Dec, Rice.—Melchers & Co.

PIRANANG, German steamer, 1,021, Paul Reimers, 24th Nov.—Triton Island 19th Nov, Rice and Teak.—Butterfield & Swire.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, F. Bremer, 19th Dec.—Touane 17th Dec, General.—Siemssen & Co.

PROMETHEUS, Norwegian steamer, 1,023, H. Larsbjörn, 12th Dec.—Mororan 3rd Dec, General.—Master.

QUARTA, German steamer, 1,165, J. Johannsen, 15th Dec.—Bangkok 7th Dec, White and Rice.—Sander, Wieler & Co.

ROSETTA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,402, N. Tate, 20th Dec.—Manila 18th Dec, General.—Yusen Kaisha.

SABINE RICKMEYER, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbit, R.N.K., 11th Dec.—Canton 11th Dec, Ballast.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

SANDAKAN, German steamer, 1,374, C. Schnur, 15th Dec.—Sandakan 4th Dec, Timber and Rattan.—Melchers & Co.

SHIMANO MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,660, W. Thompson, 20th Dec.—Shanghai 17th Dec, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SILESIA, German steamer, 3,138, J. Bahle, 18th Dec.—Singapore 11th Dec, General.—Siemssen & Co.

THEA, German steamer, 934, Oblerich, 15th Dec.—Wuhu 9th Dec, Rice.—Jehsen & Co.

TYR, Norwegian steamer, 1,417, D. L. Danielssen, 16th Dec.—Hongy 14th Dec, Coal.—Norwegian Consul.

VICTORIA, American steamer, 2,112, John Panton, 20th Dec.—Tacoma 21st Nov, General.—Dowdell & Co., Ltd.

WAKAMATSU MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,729, H. Sakamoto, 20th Dec.—Mojji 11th Dec, Coal.—Jeffries & Co.

ZAFIRO, British steamer, 1,611, R. Rodger, 20th Dec.—Manila 17th December, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

December 27th, 1902, a.m.									
Wladivostok	7	a.m.	30.20	8	60	—	0	b	
emuro	6	a.m.	29.76			N	8	6	
Hakodate	"	"	29.93			NW	6	6	
Tokio	"	"	29.9			NW	8	6	
Kochi	"	"	30.15			W	6	6	
Nagasaki	"	"	30.23			NE	4	6	
Ngosshima	"	"	30.27			N	4	6	
Oshima	"	"	30.20			N	6	6	
Naha	"	"	30.7			NE	4	6	
Ishigakijima	"	"	30.3			NE	6	6	
Taihoku	5	a.m.	30.21			E	6	6	
Taichu	"	"	30.7			N	2	6	
Tainan	"	"	30.08			N	4	6	
Koshun	"	"	30.05			NE	10	6	
Pescadores	"	"	30.12			NE	10	6	
Gutzlaff	9	a.m.	30.45	42	83	N	4	6	cm
Sharp Peak	"	"	30.28	57	79	NNW	4	6	
Amoy	6.32	a.m.	30.26	57	81	ENE	5	6	c
Swatow	9	a.m.							
Canton	"	"							
Hongkong	10	a.m.	30.17	64	77	E	4	6	o
Victoria Peak	"	"				E	6	6	
Gap Rock	"	"	30.13			ENE	5	6	
Macao	"	"	30.18	62		NNE	1	6	o
Haiphong	"	"							
Manila	"	"	29.96	84	71		0	6	
Malate	9	a.m.				N	1	6	b
Bacolod	"	"				N	3	6	o
Iloilo	"	"	29.92	80		N	3	6	o
Cebu	"	"	29.92	82		N	3	6	o
C. St. James	10	a.m.							

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

Outward.—and December—*Princes Trege*,
Ambric, Manila, 5th December—*Wurzburg*,
Georgie, Telamechus, St. Hugo, 9th Decem-
 ber—*Baner, Spilthead, C. Ford, Laeizis*, 12th
 December—*Protheus, Bengloe, Palawan*,
 16th December—*Ceylon, Braemar, H. Thorold*,
 19th December—*Darmstadt, Pyrusus*,
 22nd December—*Homey, Sagoia*, 25th
 December—*Silvia, Lothian, Sanuki Maru*,
 28th December—*Menelus, Louthier Castle*,
 16th December—*Hinchi Maru, Jaro*, 19th
 December—*Hakata Maru, Gera*.
 Arrivals at Home.—and December—
Nesfor, 5th December—*Glenzhel, Machaon*,
Hamburg, Ernest Simons, 9th December—
Freiburg, Alfred Gelnars, Inaba Maru, 12th
 December—*Hilgitz, Glenisk*, 16th Decem-
 ber—*Annan, Glengary, Kaitoon, Kohlgedor*,
Achillen, 19th December—*Sachsen, Trinitat*,
Norma, F. B. Walker, Malia.

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H.M.S. Janus	at	Kowloon	Dock.
<i>Mongkut</i>	11	11	11
<i>Prosper</i>	11	11	11
<i>Pakkong</i>	11	11	11
<i>Theodor Wille</i>		Cosmopolitan	11
<i>Litkin</i>	11	11	11
<i>Pronto</i>	11	11	11
<i>Bygde</i>	11	11	11
<i>Pkra Nang</i>	11	11	11

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